

Do I? You Not Watch With Me One Hour:

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Text: Matt. 22: 42

The first portion of our Scripture tonight shows the human side of Jesus - perhaps better than any other. In this passage it tells us how that He was very much like us. He was feeling the problem of the Father's Will. And like us He wanted a companion and companionship. He wanted someone to be near Him and just by the mere fact of their presence He would feel better. Isn't this the most human emotion? When we have a problem or something is bothering us we like to share it with someone. We like to go with someone who is a kindred spirit. We are looking for someone who understands that this is our human condition. People don't realize. Because they don't say, "Why do they feel that they are left out and lonely?" They feel that they are lonely and that no one cares what happens to them and that's what it is. He was lonely and He wanted to confide in and to this is what Jesus must have been very human.

And the disciples must have proved to be a big disappointment to Jesus. When Jesus went off by Himself to pray they felt alone. He went and left them all alone. Because they had been so lonely, when He was with them they felt that. In fact very often in this we have been full of ourselves and we would do something that would be very selfish and very short of the way we feel today. The most beautiful and most beautiful thing is that we would do something that would be very selfish and very short of the way we feel today. The most beautiful and most beautiful thing is that we would do something that would be very selfish and very short of the way we feel today. This must have been the case with the disciples. The selfishness of the disciples in the garden and the selfishness of the disciples must have been a great disappointment to Jesus. But Jesus concerned with His problem and filled with the love and compassion of God's love could not understand their selfishness. So He asked the question, "Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

the opportunity that are given us to help others in a world of Christ. Each time we hear it's a great opportunity to be of service to by, we are leaving again. We have said it before but it bears repeating, and that is the fact that once an opportunity is lost it rarely comes again. We are given the choice at the moment and if we fail to take advantage of it usually we don't get a second chance.

Then there is the little matter of worshipping with Jesus for one hour. Perhaps this is where the idea originated about Church services being of one hour's duration. But here is where some real differences of opinion come in. Many people say, I go to Church on Sunday isn't that enough? Well it all depends I suppose on the person and the reason for attending. If we go to Church because then our neighbor can't say that they went to Church and we didn't. Or if we go to show off our clothes. Or if we go because we feel we are going to please the preacher. Or that the preacher is going to say nice things to us and make us feel good. Or any other number of reasons then our attendance isn't worth much. We should go to Church to worship God, and if we think that one hour a week is enough then maybe we don't love God quite as much as we should. Those of you who were here on Sunday and now tonight know that you have spent about two hours this week in Church. If you attend the Good Friday service in Exileton, then you will have three hours. And if you attend the service on Saturday night then you will have four hours. But when you consider that out of the 168 hours in a seven day week you will perhaps spend one to four hours with God this is pretty meager indeed. Four hours amount to $1/42$ of the total hours in a week. Now I am not saying that our love for God is ^{BE} accounted for by how much time we spend in Church. This is not the case. But our service to God should be done outside of Church also. Each time we come here and each time when we depart we should leave just a little more zeal and a little more fire to work that much harder for God and His kingdom. This is what Church should do for us. It should inspire us, it should uplift us and give us the stimulus we need to fight the battle of this life. The hymns we sing, and the prayers

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Hymn 161

Scripture Matt. 26; 36-46 & 69-75

*Gloria Patri

*Prayer

Anthem ?

Announcements

Church Good Friday 3:00

Hymn 158

Carmen

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 479

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen